

# ENGLAND AND GERMANY IN DEFANT ATTITUDE

## Other Powers Having Claims Against Venezuela to Be Shut Out of the 30 Per Cent.

### Kaiser Trying to Buy Warships in Chile—How the French View the Situation.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The allies have rejected Minister Bowen's last proposition that all nations having claims against Venezuela be given the same treatment as the blockading powers. The answers of the allies have been received here and they reject in toto the proposal.

Santiago De Chile, Jan. 31.—Private agents of Germany have proposed to the government the immediate purchase of the Chilean battleship Captain Prat and the armored cruiser Esmeralda, and have offered to take over the warships now being built in Europe for Chile.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—It developed today that the answers of the allied powers to Minister Bowen's latest proposal arrived here yesterday, but were not immediately presented to the minister. The answers were to the effect that the allies could not consent that the United States and other claimant nations receive the same treatment as the blockading powers and that they therefore rejected in toto Mr. Bowen's final proposition. Knowing the consequences that were to follow the presentation of this answer the representatives of the allies took upon themselves the responsibility of withholding the notes of their governments and of again calling, urging a retraction of their preferential demands.

Given a Last Chance.  
The exchanges are still in progress between the Italian, British and German embassies, but there is no evidence that the allies intend yielding. If they hold out their representatives must present the joint refusal and the Washington negotiations will come to a standstill.

Baron Speck von Sternberg, Germany's new envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States, today spent two hours in conference with Count Quadt, who, as charge d'affaires, has thus far conducted the Venezuelan negotiations for Germany. The German minister was placed in possession of the entire correspondence which has passed between Mr. Bowen and the allied powers and was advised by the count of the serious hitch which has occurred as a result of the last contention of the triple alliance for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims. Baron von Sternberg then called at

the state department and the British embassy. In his calls he found the outlook for a relief of the present deadlock exceedingly gloomy and has cabled as much to his government.

**Bowen is Patient.**

Meanwhile Mr. Bowen is biding his time. He is keeping Caracas informed as to the progress of events here and is counseling patience, hoping that the powers will yet yield. As a matter of fact he has yet received no intimation from the powers that they are really desirous of settling the Venezuelan dispute at Washington, as the representations of the powers have thus far consisted of counter propositions. Two days have now passed without any communications between Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies.

During a call today of Mr. De Mergier upon Secretary Hay, the fact developed that the French charge has received specific instructions from his government to insist that France shall not be discriminated against in the settlement of the Venezuelan claims.

**GERMAN STATEMENT.**

**Plausible Explanation of the Position of the Allies.**

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The apparent hitch in the Venezuelan negotiations at Washington is explained here in the following manner:  
Venezuela hypothecated to France some time ago 13 per cent of the customs receipts, which constitutes a priority claim upon the Venezuelan customs. The blockading powers are quite willing to recognize it in this sense, but President Castro wants it to be understood as constituting part of the 30 per cent offered to the blockading powers.

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# TALKED ON VENEZUELA SUICIDE OF BUTTE MAN

## Young Mr. Chamberlain Gives England's Side of the Case.

London, Jan. 31.—Austen Chamberlain, postmaster general, representing his father, the colonial secretary, at the annual dinner of the League of Nations, today declared that the British government had decided to demand satisfaction for the outrages and to demand guarantees against their repetition. It had been approached by Germany and requested to co-operate in the effort for the British government to decline, said Mr. Chamberlain, to do so would be dishonorable to withdraw. The government is fully aware of its liability. Every detail was arranged before the dinner commenced.

Replying to a suggestion that the present course might jeopardize the good relations between Great Britain and the United States, Mr. Chamberlain said it was not so he would regard it as a calamity to the civilized world. There was no nation whose good opinion Great Britain valued so highly as that of the United States. He thought it incredible that the United States should take umbrage, as it knew that no nation so loyally supported the Monroe doctrine as did Great Britain. The present attitude, he declared, which although it might be evoked to protect the weak, was never intended by American statesmen to shield the evil doer.

In conclusion the postmaster general said he was confident that America would look in a friendly manner on the efforts to secure that redress for British subjects which he felt to be its first duty to obtain for American citizens.

# CAUCASUS BRIGANDS DO THRIVING BUSINESS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 31.—Brigands have been terrorizing the Caucasus recently, levying tribute on towns and holding up trains to an extent hitherto unknown. Even garrison towns have been frightened into paying regular tribute, in return for which the bandits not only refrain from plundering, but protect the towns from other marauders. The attempts of the troops to cope with the situation have been generally foiled owing to the complicity of the inhabitants, who are fearful of the brigands' vengeance and therefore warn and shelter the latter. Stations and trains on the Vladikavkaz railroad have frequently been attacked.

# WESTERN UNION WINS AN IMPORTANT SUIT

Chicago, Jan. 31.—By holding the Western Union Telegraph company not guilty of a charge of negligence in delaying an important message, Judge Kohlsaat decided an interesting case in the United States circuit court today. The court held that the telegraph company could not be held liable for failure to notify the receiver of a telegram that the message had been delayed. Dr. C. Joseph Swan of Chicago was the plaintiff.

# FLOODS IN SCOTLAND.

London, Jan. 31.—The melting of the snow has caused extensive floods and serious damage in Scotland. The River Tay has overflowed in Perthshire, and many carcasses of deer, cattle and some sheep, and a number of household furniture are unloading in the streets of Perth. In Inverness the River Ness has overflowed and railroad bridges have been damaged. The River Dee has flooded part of Balmoral and has elsewhere caused great destruction.

# A NEW BRAND OF STRENUOUSNESS.



Rough Rider Quay—"Hang on tight, boys. This nag 'll take us through!"

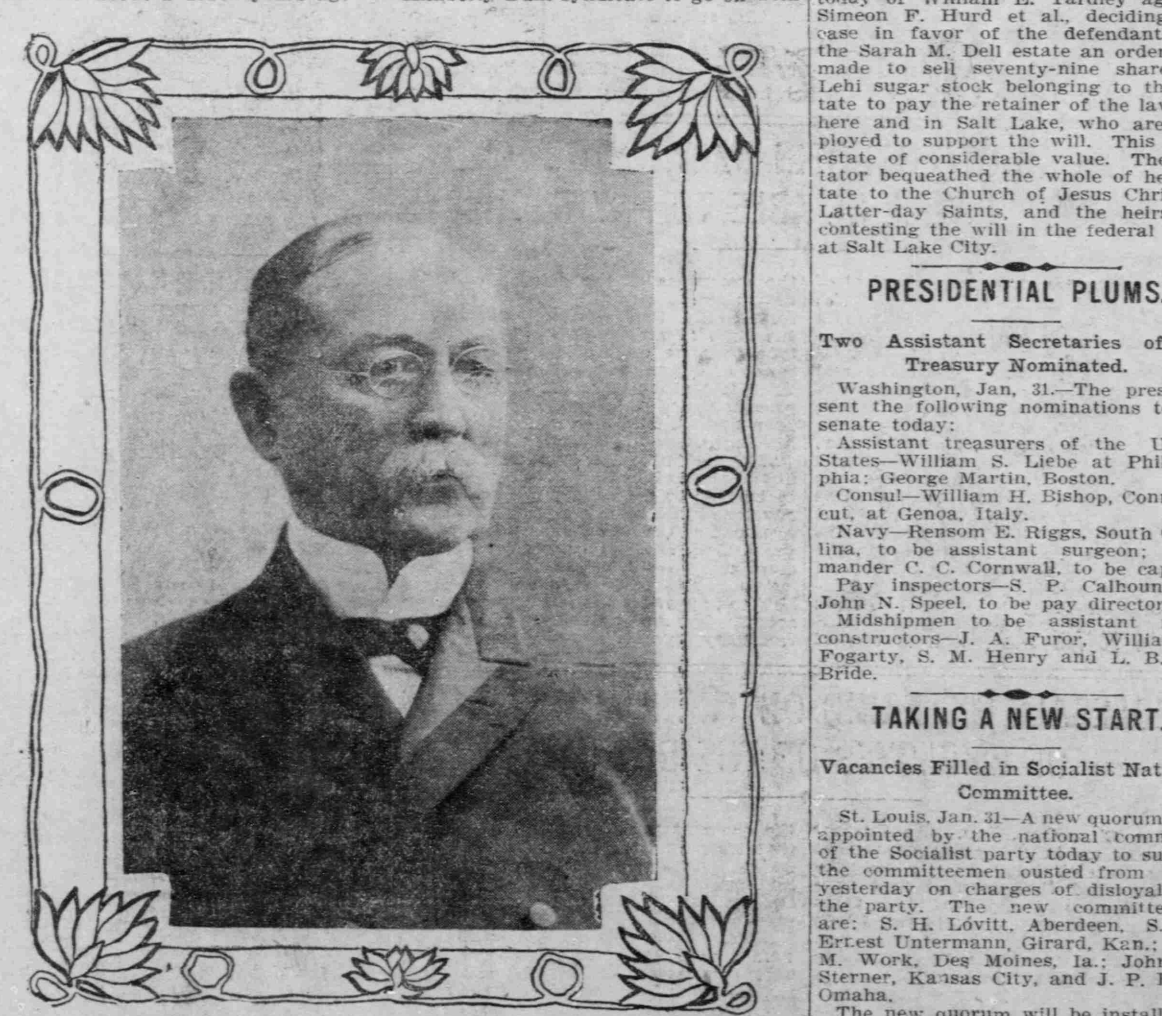
# WITCHER JONES IS DEAD QUAY IS SUCCESSFUL

## Well Known Salt Laker Passes Away in Brown Palace Hotel in Denver After Short Illness—Was There on Big Iron Deal.

(Special to The Herald.)  
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 31.—Witcher Jones, a well known mining man of Salt Lake City, Utah, died in room 417 of Brown Palace hotel today at 12 o'clock from heart failure. Mr. Jones passed away in the presence of his wife, his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Walker, and son-in-law, J. R. Walker, a banker of Salt Lake City. The body was shipped to Salt Lake City tonight at 8 o'clock. The funeral will take place at the late residence of Mrs. Jones and from St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which Mr. Jones had been a member. Mr. Jones' visit to Denver was to enter into a contract with David H. Moffat for a large supply of iron which Mr. Jones owns in southern Utah.

**HIS SALT LAKE CAREER.**

Witcher Jones was interested in many enterprises. Witcher Jones came to Utah from California about a dozen years ago to



WITCHER JONES.

finance a railroad from Salt Lake City to Deep Creek. He had the funds raised for the project when the Colorado and Pacific railroad was built, and the subsequent financial panic caused an abandonment of the project. Since then Mr. Jones has made Salt Lake his home, being interested in a number of mining and other enterprises. It was he who interested F. H. Buhl of Sharon, Pa., in the Twin Falls

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**SCHOONER ASHORE BUT SOON GOT OFF**  
Orleans, Mass., Jan. 31.—The four-masted schooner Lyman M. Law, coal-laden, struck on the bar off Orleans today and for a brief time was in a dangerous position because of the northeast gale prevailing. The Orleans life saving crew started for the scene, but the schooner was floated by the action of the sea. The seas are running high but it was thought the vessel would be able to keep off shore.

**NO RESULT.**  
Dover, Del., Jan. 31.—The tenth ballot for senator today was without result.

**ESCAPED GALLOWS AND COMMITTED SUICIDE**  
Missoula, Mont., Jan. 31.—News from Peck, Mich., is that Ira Pressley, tried here recently and acquitted of having murdered his wife at their ranch near Iron Mountain, had committed suicide there. Pressley and his wife were living in an inside room with her head badly beaten and her throat cut. Mrs. Pressley died a few days later. Pressley recovered. At his trial he claimed he was attacked by an unknown man.

**DOVIE REVIVAL.**  
John Alexander Will Attempt to Convert New York.  
Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 31.—John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion City, announced today to a crowd of 7,000 of his followers that he would next month take his "restoration host," 3,000 strong, to New York, where he had engaged the Carnegie hall and Madison Square, he says, for three months. He announced that street meetings would be held in New York daily. More than 2,000 of his followers volunteered to go in the mission.

**WASH. JAN. 31.—**President Roosevelt today signed the bill recently passed by congress creating an additional judgeship for the eighth judicial circuit of the United States. Late this afternoon he made a personal tender of the judgeship to Judge Willis Van Devanter, assistant attorney general for the interior department, and the proffer was accepted.

# STRAIGHT TALK OF A DIPLOMAT

## Claims of Great Britain Amount to Only \$8,000.

### THE GERMAN BANK SCANDAL

#### BRITISH SCHOONERS WERE ENGAGED IN SMUGGLING.

CARACAS, Jan. 31.—All the newspapers of Caracas have published articles to the effect that the action of the allies in imposing upon Venezuela special preferential treatment in the settlement of their own claims is on a par with all their previous acts since the beginning of the present difficulty, namely, unjust and unreasonable. The correspondent of the Associated Press approached the members of the diplomatic corps here, asking for their opinion on this phase of the matter. Two declined to speak but a third was willing to discuss the matter for publication, provided his name was not used. He said:

**Spurious Claims.**  
"The action of Great Britain, Germany and the United States in favoring treatment for their claims, and in demanding an immediate cash payment, arises from the fact that they have their claims against Venezuela. My colleague, Mr. Haggard (the British minister), before his departure presented claims to the Venezuelan government. The amount of Great Britain's claims against Venezuela is not known. What this may be is a problem which must be remembered that schooners from the British island of Trinidad have been assisting the Matos revolutionists, as well as smuggling and that these vessels have been rightfully seized by Venezuela. Great Britain was sure beforehand that no tribunal would recognize certain of her claims, and therefore she wanted to force immediate payment.

**German Bank Scandal.**  
"Germany, for the same reason, does not desire that the Disconto-Gesellschaft loan scandal become known to the financial world.

"The Italians have no industrial enterprises in Venezuela. Italians here are mostly agricultural laborers and peddlers. These have undoubtedly suffered, but they claim \$10 for the loss of a chicken and \$100 for the theft of a donkey. It can be seen by these facts that they do not wish to have their claims discussed by a tribunal and prefers force to reason.

"No belief should be attached to the statement that France will abandon her rights in the matter of her own claims, which were obtained by another diplomatic treaty with Venezuela. I know upon good authority that France is not disposed to capitulate and I hope that the United States will also have claims against Venezuela. I will not gratify the allies by accepting such treatment."

**Foreigners Excited.**  
There was much excitement among the foreigners here when it was reported that the allies proposed special treatment to secure payment of their claims. Americans, Frenchmen and Spaniards met and protested against the carrying out of such an idea, and the messengers were addressed by the governments of the United States, France and Spain, asking for protection of their several rights and that the claims of the petitioners be accorded treatment similar to that given to British, German and Italian claims.

**JUST OUR SIZE.**  
Uncle Sam Delivers an Ultimatum to Santo Domingo.

San Domingo, Jan. 31.—The Dominican government has informed United States Minister Powell that it cannot agree to his request, made in the name of the American government, in the matter of the claims of the Clyde line of steamers, and if this company feels aggrieved at the action of the government it should seek redress before a tribunal of the Dominican government and not appeal to the United States.

To this communication Minister Powell made a strongly worded reply in which he informed the Dominican government that the United States government would seek redress for its citizens and that the pending case must be settled by the government and not through the courts.

**HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.**  
Big Department Store at Sacramento in Ruins.

Sacramento, Jan. 31.—The great department store of Weinstock, Lubin & Co. was destroyed by fire this morning. Frank Casebolt, a fireman, was killed by a falling wall. Al Pritchard had his back broken and will die. Several others were badly injured. The loss may reach \$1,000,000. The property was heavily insured.

The store of Weinstock, Lubin & Co. was one of the largest in California. It was a four-story brick and cement building covering a large area of ground. An immense stock of department store goods was carried, as in addition to being the leading store in Sacramento, it did a large business throughout central and northern California.

**CALIFORNIA TRAGEDY.**  
Wealthy Resident of San Bernardino Shot by His Nephew.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 31.—C. R. Lloyd, a wealthy resident of this city, was shot and fatally wounded today by his nephew, William Boxall, of San Barbara. Neither will make any statement, but family troubles are conjectured to be the cause of the shooting. Lloyd, after he was shot, ordered a telegram sent to the sheriff of Alameda county to arrest his son, Fred Lloyd, on the charge of insanity.

**HAYES OF OGDEN.**  
Probable Successor of Van Devanter in Interior Department.

Ogden, Jan. 31.—Colonel A. B. Hayes today stated that while he has received no official notification of it, he had been given an intimation that he would receive the appointment as attorney general for the interior department in place of Judge Van Devanter, who was appointed judge of the Eighth district.

**AGED 104.**  
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Marguerite Allen, born Dec. 23, 1798, in Scotland, died here this afternoon.

**BANQUET OF THE GRIDIRON CLUB**  
Wit and Wisdom of Washington Correspondents.

**MORGAN WAS A GOOD VICTIM**  
MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN WERE PRESENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The annual dinner of the Gridiron club tonight was another record breaker in the way of unique entertainments. The dining hall of the Arlington hotel was never so handsomely decorated for besides the flowers upon the table and the palms and ferns about the room a novel arrangement of electric lights produced a superb effect among the decorations. Among the 200 guests and members were ambassadors, senators and representatives, governors, high officers of the army and navy, prominent men in the financial and business world, editors and proprietors of great newspapers, and scientists and men of letters. The menu was a superb one, illustrated with the picture of prominent guests, whose business or personal characteristics were indicated in a jingling rhyme.

**The New President.**  
The inauguration of the new president of the club, William E. Curtis, afforded an opportunity for reverting to the part Mr. Curtis took in securing the attendance of Spanish grandees for the World's fair at Chicago. The pomp and ceremony of the Spanish court of 1492, mingled with twentieth century ideas and events, made it a showy and laughable affair. One of the questions propounded to Columbus was: "What is a trust?" to which he answered: "A bunch of money surrounded by water."

**Made Fun of Morgan.**  
J. P. Morgan, one of the guests of the club, was made the subject of the best burlesque of the evening. For the alleged benefit of the New York financier the Gridiron club installed a "bucket shop" as a joke upon Morgan's office. The manager and "chair warmers" kept up a fire of lively questions and answers in which various guests were placed upon the gridiron. The discussion of available presidential candidates was a feature of this part of the entertainment. The burlesque concluded with a song dedicated to Mr. Morgan.

**The Laugh on Wiley.**  
The experiments which Dr. Wiley of the agricultural department is making with borax as a preservative afforded another vehicle to give a number of prominent guests a gridironing. It was charged that Dr. Wiley was conducting an experiment at the dinner, and two members of the club, personating Professors Wiley and his assistant, showed the proceeds of the "brain." A "poison squad" was brought out and the stethoscope and X-rays applied to their heads. The marvelous things which Dr. Wiley was found to be thinking about, as told by the operators, created great amusement.

**Many Smart Hits.**  
The initiation of Joseph K. Ohi of the Atlanta Constitution and John P. Miller of the Baltimore Sun, who were caused to personate leaders of the "illy whites" and "black and tan" respectively, and the witty incidental references to recent southern appointments, made a distinct hit.

There were other many topical songs and choruses, and several good speeches all crowded in the evening with wit and humor from beginning to end.

**THEY HATE SPRIGG.**  
Premier of Cape Colony Hissed at Kimberley.

Kimberley, Cape Colony, Jan. 31.—Since his arrival here with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, a series of demonstrations against Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the premier of Cape Colony, have occurred. He was publicly hissed on several occasions, and on Monday Mr. Chamberlain's remarks on the situation in Cape Colony at the banquet given in his honor here yesterday evening were raised to "Away with Sprigg!" while the members of the Sprigg family, which waited on Mr. Chamberlain informed him in the premier's presence that they had no faith in the Sprigg ministry, which was dependent on it for its existence.

Sir John heatedly characterized these remarks as a personal insult.

**AN ESCAPED CONVICT.**  
John C. Cameron Will Be Taken Back to Montana.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 31.—John C. Cameron, who escaped from the Montana penitentiary on Nov. 19, 1901, is in jail in this city and officers arrived today from Montana to take him back. Cameron was serving a long term for manslaughter. After his escape he went to Yellowstone National park where he committed an assault upon a man and was arrested. He was brought to Cheyenne and sentenced to three months in jail. His time will expire on Feb. 2. Sheriff Smalley recently received a notice offering a reward for the arrest of Cameron and by chance recognized his prisoner as the escaped convict.

**INCREASE ON RIO GRANDE.**  
More Wages For the Men Employed in the Shops.

Denver, Jan. 31.—The Denver & Rio Grande railroad has voluntarily increased the wages of all of its machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, tin workers, inspectors, car repairers and their helpers 2 1/2 to 5 per cent. The new schedule will go into effect tomorrow. The gridiron National Park firemen and engineers of the Denver & Rio Grande is in session in this city and it is reported that the firemen, engineers, conductors and trainmen stand out for a 20 per cent increase in wages, which has been refused. It is said, by General Manager Russell Harding.

**PROHIBITING POLYGAMY.**  
Washington, Jan. 31.—A joint resolution was introduced in the house today by the chairman of the judiciary committee proposing an amendment to the constitution prohibiting polygamy.